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ABSTRACT

This casebook intends to show young people that their rights, their way of life, and indeed sometimes their very life, can depend on one remarkable document, the Constitution of the United States. The casebook is about the United States Constitution and how the Supreme Court and lower courts have interpreted it to govern the lives of U.S. public school students. It is organized into ten chapters: (1) "The Constitution and the Courts of the United States"; (2) "The Heart and Soul of the Constitution: The First Amendment and Freedom of Expression"; (3) "All the News the School Sees Fit to Print: Freedom of the Student Press"; (4) "Should Public Schools Get Religion? Striking the Right Church-State Balance on Campus"; (5) "The Fourth Amendment: Searches of Students and Their Belongings"; (6) "Discipline and Punishment: Due Process and the Eighth Amendment"; (7) "Equal Protection and the Constitutional Struggle for Integrated Schools"; (8) "Harassment in the Halls: Sexual Harassment on Campus"; (9) "Privacy, Sexuality, and the Fourteenth Amendment"; and (10) "Supreme Court Confirmation Exercise: You Be the Judge. Contains" a copy of the United States Constitution and a glossary. (BT)

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